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INFO OCT-01 AF-10 EUR-12 NEA-10 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00
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FM AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC FLASH 7288

AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS FLASH

INFO AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY ALGIERS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY CAIRO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY PAIS IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY RABAT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY SANA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY TRIPOLI IMMEDIATE

USCINCEUR IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L NICOSIA 0467

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CY

SUBJECT: AIRCRAFT HIJACKING - SITREP THREE OF FEBRUARY 19

REF NICOSIA 0466

1. FOLLOWING SITREP AS OF FEBRUARY 19, 1640Z HOURS:
CBC REPORTED THAT AIRCRAFT LANDED 1540Z AT LARNACA AIRPORT.
TERRORISTS REPORTEDLY REFUSED TO LAND AT DAMASCUS AND NOW
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REFUSING TO PERMIT ANY PERSONS EXCEPT DR. VASSOS LYSSARIDES
TO APPROACH AIRCRAFT.

2. EMBOFFS AT AIRPORT CONFIRM ABOVE AND ADD THAT LYSSARIDES
AND PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU IN AIRPORT CONTROL TOWER AND IN
COMMUNICATION WITH TERRORISTS ABOARD PLANE. PLANE SITUATED
DIRECTLY IN FRONT AIR TERMINAL. REGULAR POLICE ARE ON AIRPORT

PREMISIS, BUT NO MILITARY PERSONNEL OBVIOUSLY PRESENT. SEVERAL
GOVERNMENT MINISTERS IN AIRPORT TERMINAL.

3. POLICE CHIEF ANTONIOU HAS REPORTEDLY STATED THAT GOC IS
PREPARED TO ATTACK AIRCRAFT IF THAT BECOMES NECESSARY. HE
ADDED CAUTIONARY NOTE THAT IF GOC DOES INDEED ATTACK AIRCRAFT,
REPRISALS BY ELEMENTS FRIENDLY TO THE TERRORISTS MIGHT WELL
BE TAKEN AGAINST INSTALLATIONS IN CYPRUS SUCH AS HILTON HOTEL
AND CERTAIN ARAB REPRESENTATIONS.
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